



## Montana Nurses Association

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To: Montana Legislature

RE: HB 267

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of HB 267. I am a Family Nurse Practitioner and CEO of Missouri River Healthcare PLLC in Great Falls. I currently see 40 to 50 patients a day through my family practice clinic.

I daily see patients trying to obtain narcotics from multiple providers. In my office before I will write for narcotics for a new patient my staff members call the pharmacies in Great Falls and do a narcotic check to see when someone last got narcotics. This is very time consuming but necessary everyday we find someone who says they haven't received narcotics in months and they have already filled a prescription the day before.

The provision to list all medications and not just narcotics will be beneficial when a patient presents for healthcare and has no idea what medications they are taking or the dosages. This bill will reduce healthcare costs, save lives by reducing duplicate prescriptions and decreasing overdoses. It will also help reduce the amount of prescription drugs being sold on the street.

I have multiple stories of patients trying to fraudulently obtain prescription narcotics if you need further information please feel free to email or call me.

Thank you

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